Morphologically it is very difficult to distinguish this species from St. octomerum, especially from its f. robustior Asahina. But it differs by the presense of "dendroidin" instead of lobaric acid. The dried acetone extract of St. dendroides yields on recrystallization from G.E. solution under cover glass fine curved trichites generally radiating from a point. Chemically purified dendroidin is a colorless substance m.p. 293°. Its alcoholic solution is colored bluish green by ferric chloride and dark bluish green by the bleaching powder. The chemical composition corresponds to the formula $C_{16}H_{12}O_8$ and seems to belong to a diphenylenoxyde derivative (such as strepsilin and didymic acid). Dendroidin was hitherto found in St. pendulum Asahina and St. strictum var. lecanoreum. I can not confirm Lamb's account that St. vesvianus var. umbonatum contains also dendroidin (Canadian Journ. Bot. 29: 557. 1951.).

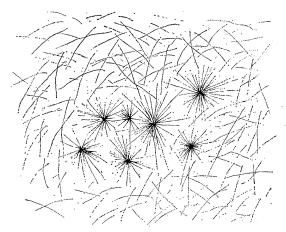


Fig. 8. Stereocaulon dendroides Asahina. Acetone extract recrystallized from G.E. solution under cover glass.

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